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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need to prevent the closure
or consolidation of post offices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need to
prevent the closure or consolidation of post offices.

Whereas the United States Postal Service has announced
that it may consider closing post offices that do not cover
their costs;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States grants Con-
gress the authority to “establish Post Offices”, recog-
nizing that mail services are essential to binding the citi-
zenry of this Nation together;

Whereas Congress has stated, time and time again, that post
offices should not be closed or consolidated solely for op-
erating at a deficit, it being the intent of Congress that
effective postal services be ensured for all Americans,
whether residing in urban, suburban, or rural commu-
nities;

Whereas many communities have only limited means of communication, and rely on the post office to allow them to correspond with persons elsewhere in the Nation or around the world; and

Whereas the post office is an essential institution within every community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the
 3 United States Postal Service—

4 (1) should provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to all communities,
 5 including rural areas and small towns where post offices may not be self-sustaining; and

6 (2) should take all necessary steps to ensure
 7 that post offices are not closed or consolidated.

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